

INTRODUCTION AND CONCLUSION PARAGRAPHS

INTRODUCTION PARAGRAPH

Purpose:

- Introduce the topic of your paper.
- State your thesis.

SHOULD HAVE

- **3-5 Sentences**
- **Begin with "hook"**
- Hook - a statement to catch the reader's attention and draw their interest.
Can include:
 - Quote, serious or humorous
 - Interesting fact
 - A question
- **Introduce topic**
- **State Thesis (if applicable)**
- **State main ideas of three body paragraphs.**
- List in order that you will present them in the essay. This is called parallel structure.

EXAMPLE:

Who doesn't know who Spongebob Squarepants is? This lowly kitchen sponge who "lives in a pineapple under the sea" has remained a favorite television show for over a decade, now. From his creation from a very unlikely source as well as his early designs to the fame he knows today, there's a lot more to know about Spongebob than just "absorbent and yellow and porous is he".

CONCLUSIONS PARAGRAPH

- **Wraps up the essay**
- **Restates your thesis (reworded).**

SHOULD

- **3-4 sentences**
- **Wrap up your arguments**
- **Restate your thesis**
- Thesis should be reworded. Do not just repeat what you have in your introduction paragraph.
- **Bring the essay to a close**

EXAMPLE:

All of this can mean only one thing. Spongebob has been around for a long time and will probably continue to be around for much longer. Surviving over a decade with top ratings and faithful followers, there is no denying the overwhelming popularity of this fun loving sponge.